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CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.10
D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.20
E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	14	1.25
	Per Case	Per Bot.
	1 doz.	2 doz.
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A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B Watson's Glenlivet, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C Watson's Abouir-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule	10	1.00
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	12	1.10

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A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name	10	1.00

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A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1892.

## STEAM LAUNCHES.

The launch question which has been so violently agitating the intellect of Hongkong, through its pocket, is really a very simple question. Last year a launch boiler blew up, a man was killed, the Government took steps to prevent a repetition, and the launch-owners object. *Prima facie*, the Ordinance is not a wise one; it entails an immense expenditure, so great that one feels it cannot be unavoidable. So far the opposition, which seems to have been begun only within the past two or three weeks, is fully justified; his Excellency will probably believe that the estimates of cost of surveys under the Ordinance presented to him are fair estimates, not exaggerated; and he will probably see that the expense thus shown to be involved is out of all reason. Thus far any right-minded man will go with the launch-owners, but no further.

Palpably, it is necessary that some means be devised whereby all launches may be made safe, at less expense—all launches, not only those used by other than their owners; for of course, it is unreasonable that one man should be allowed to blow his launch up and not another. A launch does not care who it is working for; if its boiler is subjected to too much pressure, it will blow up just the same, regardless whether the deck passengers be a crowd of ten-farthings or a princely picnic party. Mr. Mackintosh pleads "We—us good honest men will not allow our launches to blow up, but others, bad people, will; trust us, and make no law to touch us, but look sharp after everybody else." That is the position of the "private" launch-owners. What does it matter to a steam boiler, intent on bursting, whether it is running on account of its owner or only of a lessee? And why should the law deem Mr. Mackintosh and his friends infallible preventors of explosions, simply because they are rich enough to buy launches for their use instead of hiring them? For that is where they propose the law should draw the line—a hired or hireable launch is to be held unreliable, all others reliable. Thus, if a picnic party borrows BUTTERFIELD & SWIN'S blue-funnel thrashing machine to go round the island, it is a private launch, and they have a legal right to blow themselves up; but if they pay for their outing in cash, then that same launch suddenly becomes hired; while if they sign chits for payment and then don't pay, how does it stand?

Moreover, Mr. GILLIES forgets one little thing in drawing up his estimates. He carefully calculated what it would cost to prepare a private launch for survey, and he showed the Governor conclusively that the cost was ruinous; but he never mentioned how it would affect hired launches. Would a hired launch cost more, or less than the same launch unlicensed would cost to survey? And if it is about the same, would the price still be ruinous, or would it be a trifle? It is only fair to consider all launches.

Perhaps Mr. GILLIES thought a hired launch could be pulled to pieces by the Dock Company for nothing. Also, perhaps not. Anyhow, what is too high in the one case is too high in another; a launch is

just as much in need of survey whoever owns it, and cannot be exempted on account of some respected name it bears; and it costs just as much, and the cost needs to be kept down just as much. The launch which blew up was an unlicensed one, unsurveyed and unregistered, just as any one of those on whose behalf the Hongkong editions of the Three Tailors of Tooley Street got up this deputation; it was being hired, illegally perhaps, when it blew up; who is to say that other "private" launches are not hired? And in its case, the expense now to be incurred would have been particularly excessive—more than the launch was worth, more than the whole business capital of its owners. Yes, the cost of surveys under the Ordinance is far too great; a simpler though not less effective process must be devised—and enforced on all launches, public and private.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE BRITISH DEFEAT IN AFRICA.

LONDON, March 22nd.

The Governor of West Africa is seeking aid from the friendly tribes in order to renew the attack on the tribes that checked the expedition to Timbo and killed Captain Robinson, R.E., and wounded 23 officers and men.

## KAISER WILHELM'S HEALTH.

March 23rd.

The Emperor William is recruiting in the country. His Majesty's health requiring abstention from business.

## THE AMERICAN SILVER BILL.

Mr. Bland has introduced a Silver Bill in Congress, and a desultory debate followed. The Bill was opposed by Senators Williams and Hart, the former proposing a monetary conference instead.

## THE BEHRING SEA FISHERY DISPUTE.

March 24th.

President Harrison has replied strongly to Lord Salisbury's refusal to renew the "Modus Vivendi" in the matter of the Behring Sea Fishery Dispute, and states he will be prepared to use force if necessary to protect American rights against poachers.

## COUNT VON CAPRIVI.

Count von Caprivi has resigned the Prussian Premiership, but remains Imperial Chancellor. Count Eulenbarg has been appointed Prussian Premier.

## THE SMALL HOLDINGS BILL.

March 25th.

In the House of Commons the Small Holdings Bill has been read a second time.

## THE BEHRING SEA FISHERY DISPUTE.

The Committee of the Senate has decided to favour the ratifying of the agreement to arbitrate in the Behring Sea Fishery Dispute.

## THE BEHRING SEA QUESTION.

March 30th.

The United States Senate has unanimously ratified the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain in connection with the Behring Sea fisheries.

## THE DYNAMITE OUTRAGES IN FRANCE.

March 31st.

The Bill, introduced in consequence of the recent dynamite outrages in Paris, making the unlawful explosion of dynamite a capital offence, has been passed.

## THE APPROACHING GENERAL ELECTION.

March 31st.

According to a well-accredited report, the next General Election will take place in June or July.

## RENEWED ACTIVITY OF PAHANG REBELS.

TRAS, near Raub.

Tuesday March 22nd, 5 p.m.  
Khalid Amir, the nephew of the Toh Gajah, has come overland from Semantan bringing the news that on Thursday night Temerloh was surprised by six hundred Malays under the command of the Orang Kaya.

The Orang Kaya captured the station, killing twenty-five Sikhs and seizing two hundred and eighty rifles.

It is considered here that this news is scarcely credible, or that it must be exaggerated.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In the Reign of the Rain-makers.

"Say, mister, will you please call your rain storm off a bit until I get past with the lady in the buggy?"

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) that the "Mogel" liner *Linnos* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due on or about the 7th inst.

The following are the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery orders for the week ending April 8th:—The 64-pounder gun detachments will drill at Murray Battery as follows:—Monday, 5.30 No. 1 detachment; Tuesday, 5.30 No. 2; Wednesday, 5.30 No. 3; Instructor Sergeant Young, R.A. Saturday, 2.30, carbine practice—leave Pedder's Wharf as usual—ammunition will be on the range. The detachments will remain, for the present, as arranged for the mobilisation.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—

Messrs. Holliday Wise & Co.	\$100
Jardine, Matheson & Co.	100
Lane, Crawford & Co.	100
Reiss & Co.	100
D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	100
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Meyer & Co.	50
Renter, Brockelman & Co.	50
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.	50
Mr. J. McLeavy Brown	50
Messrs. Blackhead & Co.	50
Carroll & Co.	25
Kruze & Co.	25
Mr. Chas. V. Lloyd	10

THE Russian cruiser *Zabinka*, Capt. Litvin, arrived in Singapore Roads on the 23rd. *en route* for Vladivostok.

THE Gap Rock light worked for the first time, very successfully, yesterday. Fog signals will be attached "in the sweet by and bye."

MR. HENRY Louis, of Messrs. Becher, Louis & Co., started from Singapore for Bangkok on the 23rd ultimo in connection with mining business in the Land of White Elephants.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 3 p.m. yesterday, and left at 1 p.m. to-day for Kobe, Yokohama and Vancouver.

THE German steamer *Preto* is now making her second trip to Bangkok, under charter to the Kim Tee Loong bank, at 21 cents per perch, which is a fair rate as things go now-a-days.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessel, hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

RATES of freight between Bangkok and Hongkong, have improved, 24 cents being the quotation for vessels loading inside Bangkok bar, while 17½ cents are accepted for those that fill up at Koh-si-chang and Arn Huag—the outside roadsteads.

If the weather holds good, there will be a grand naval and military rifle meeting at Kowloon next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, under the patronage of Major-General Digby Barker and Vice Admiral Sir F. Richards. The function promises to be a pronounced success.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that yesterday, being pay-day with certain Government departments, it was remarked that one very prominent and prudent official refused to take paper money. Hard silver, every dollar of it, he demanded and obtained. "Put not your trust in—" paper!

THUS the Singapore *Free Press* re the Attorney General of our sister colony:—"However appropriate it may be, it is not complimentary to distinguish the enlightened self-interest of the Hon. the Attorney-General by the epithet some people are now applying to him, in the shape of the familiar phrase Penny-in-the-Slot."

THE opium question in England (says the *St. James's Gazette*) is taking rank as a political issue. Members of Parliament from time to time hear from the Nonconformist ministers on the question, and now the medical profession have joined in. They have sent round to all the members of the House of Commons a petition signed by a large number of medical men, to the effect that the consumption and sale of opium is debasing and dangerous; that it ought to be classed as a poison and only used as a medicine.

THE Canton river steamers are just now doing exceedingly well, for the "down-side" passengers are paying fifty cents *per caput* (instead of ten cents as was the case) for the privilege of being in the fact, flocking to the City of Rams to perform certain Buddhist ceremonies at the graves of their ancestors—their grand-fathers and grand-mothers and great great grand-mothers, and others. The pilgrims will be returning in thousands a week hence. More dollars!

FROM native sources we learn that rice is going in value here and at Canton owing to the falling off in supplies from Yangtze grain ports, whence large quantities of tribute rice are being exported to the north of China. "First" are now fetching \$2.50 per picul, "seconds" \$2.25, and "commons" \$2.20 to \$2.25 per 100 catties. Steamers, notably the three "Shan" liners, are fully employed in the Saigon rice trade under charter to Chinese, and the regular Bangkok traders are getting much quicker dispatch to Siam than for some months past owing to an increase in the supplies of rice.

It is a correspondent of the Singapore *Free Press* is correctly informed, the Orang Kaya Rajaw, who is causing so much trouble in Pahang, is Kling or Tamil, and first came into favour by deceiving a number of Hanusa ashore, when they were killed. From all the writer has heard he believes it will very soon be generally known that the Sultan is not quite as innocent as some people suppose, for he has frequently heard it said that there will be no peace in Pahang until he is out of it, like all opium smokers he is not to be depended on for two days running. The Orang's allies in Darulman.

LANGKAT kerosine oil, says the *Pingang Gazette* will shortly be placed on the market. On the 20th ult., a small consignment of 200 cases was expected to arrive at Penang to be submitted to the Government Officer for testing. The oil springs in question are situated at Babalan, Pengkal, Brabant, Langkat, and the Company that is working them is styled the Royal Dutch Oil Company, having as their trade mark a crown. The oil will be known, therefore, as the "Crown" brand. The enterprise should have vast quantities of kerosine oil consumed in the Far East, and we wish it all success.

MR. A. G. Morris' steamer *Avonch*, which touched a rock off the coast of Hainan and was subsequently and wisely beached in Hainan Bay, arrived here yesterday evening with half of her cargo of 2000 tons of coal on board; the balance having been jettisoned. The salvage operations conducted by Mr. McDonald of the Dock Company, who went down to the stranded vessel in the *Triumph* just a week ago, have been remarkably prompt and effective, and reflect the greatest credit on the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. We understand that the damage to the *Avonch* is not very serious. The cost of repairs and salvage operations will probably hardly run into three figures.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Statistics for March, 1892.

In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st March..... 54

In-Patients admitted to Hospital during March..... 59

Total number treated as In-Patients..... 123

Of these there were:

Discharged cured..... 39

Discharged relieved..... 21

Discharged on other grounds..... 3

Died in Hospital..... 1

In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st April..... 54

Out-Patients, new cases..... 735

Out-Patients, return visits..... 709

Total number of Out-Patient visits..... 1504

Operations..... 13

Vaccinations..... 25

Dental cases..... 28

Casualty cases..... 4

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.A., M.B., Superintendent.

MR. H. Z. Just, broker, foreman of the jury that awarded John Minihmet \$3,000 damages for libel, in December last, left for Antwerp by the *Sackin* to-day. *Bon voyage*, Mr. Just, may your shadow never grow less. Ta-ta old chappie. Your Kaiser will be pleased to see you. He is death on rats.

It is persistently rumoured in Lusitanian circles that the Captain of the *Reina Cristina*, who was buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley on the 29th ult., died from the effects of a bullet wound which he inflicted on himself with a revolver. His wife, recently here, has returned to Manila.

HENRY Blohm, a private in the Shropshire regiment, made the acquaintance of Mr. Woodhouse at the Police Court this morning and had to "ante up" \$3.20—two dollars going to the Treasury and \$1.20 to an unfortunate "ricky" whom he savagely assaulted when asked for a ten cent fare last night.

WE regret to hear that Mr. Eddy, second officer of the *Halibut*, who was severely wounded by pirates on the *Namoa* some fifteen months ago, had to go into Dr. Cantlie's hospital to-day suffering from the effects of a bullet wound inflicted at the time the *Namoa* was seized by pirates. Mr. Eddy's arm has never been right since the incident, and we understand he will now undergo an operation to have bone-splinters extracted.

LAST night the stirring chimes of the fire-bell broke the stillness of the wintry air in consequence of the outbreak of fire in a bar-maker's house in No. 26, Sai Woo Lane, West Point. A European constable on duty in the lane rushed along with a fire "despatch-box" and succeeded in checking the progress of the flames, which were running up the staircase and preventing the inmates from getting out of the house, until the firemen from No. 7 Station came along and under Inspector Mann's aid "stamped the glim." Damage, nominal. Insurance, nil.

HARMSTON'S Circus is now on its way to this colony, and will, it is expected, arrive on Monday, opening on Tuesday next, at West Point. If the Manila newspapers are not woefully inaccurate, this is a circus, the stud of horses and ponies being unusually large, while the real merit of the performers is of a high order. A special feature of the show is the *bona fide* Indian and cow-boy exhibition, and the *lasso* throwing is said by critics of such things to be the best in the world. The company also has some very fine performing elephants and a grand spectacular display. "The ancient days of Rome," given by the whole force of the company, has scored a brilliant success wherever it has been played. The circus is sure to be well received, especially as the weather is now much pleasant.

THE uncertainty of worldly things is proverbial, as the "cuteness" of the "Almighty Yank" and Captain David Dean O'Keefe, "King" of a little island in the Carolines, named Yan, is just now showing that out for all he is worth owing to a gentleman in his employ having taken French leave from those sunny climes. But the worst of it is that the absentee sailed away in O'Keefe's schooner *Santa Cruz* without clearing her or even asking for his chits, which are believed to tot up to a goodly number of shakels.

The result is that the local authorities are going to arrest the *Santa Cruz* if she comes here. Meanwhile the American war-ship *Palos* is here, *Monocacy* will, according to rumour, be commissioned to search all Eastern seas in quest of the missing ship,—and the man who "saw" O'Keefe.

ONE of the most remarkable of "cricket curiosities" is that just recorded in the report of the Calcutta Cricket Club for last season. This most extraordinary occurrence took place in the Behar Wanderers match. A Behar batsman "scooped" round at a ball bowled by Mr. Quin, and managed to hit it straight up in the air with a tremendous spin. The wicket-keeper lost sight of it. A run was made before the ball alighted on the ground again, but when it did so it spun back and hit the wicket! The Umpire, thinking the appeal was for a run out, gave the verdict "not out," whereas the batsman, having practically pulled the ball into his wicket—that is, "played on," was actually *bowled* and made a run in the process! Nothing more odd than this can have possibly occurred in the history of cricket.

## TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

	Inward.
Freight steamer, from Hallow.	
China	Singapore.
Avonch	Hongkong.
Haitan	Poochow etc.
Myndon	Liverpool.
Suisse	Saigon.
Aden	London.
Aggregating 9,701 tons, register.	

Freight steamer, for Hallow.

	Outward.
Ashington	Shanghai.
Halibut	Saigon.
Vanilla	Singapore.
Papa	Havre.
Aggregating 5,037 tons, register.	

THE opposition to the military contribution in the Straits is growing more and more active. The local press is full of it. Says the *Free Press*:—"We love the Home Government for the justice and cogency of its arguments. As thus:—The Colonial Office, the Colony, being of no Imperial importance, must pay \$100,000 for garrison and defence; and as much more as the General Officer Commanding shall deem necessary for barracks, hygienic punkahs, sun-hats, &c., &c."

The War Office. "Owing to the inefficiency of the army, we can only send you 8 per cent of the drafts promised and paid for. But you must pay, all the same."

The Government. "Generally—'You are a squabbling, and we will queue you to the last drop.'"



## AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND LAND CO.

The ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided and there were also present Messrs. J. M. E. Machado, A. J. May, G. R. Stevens, E. Mancell, H. Humphreys, A. P. Nobbs, F. A. Brockelmann, H. Sinton, and Capt. Clement.

The Chairman, after the notice of meeting was read, said:—Gentlemen, with your permission, the report and statement of accounts, having been in your hands for some days, may be taken as read. Before proceeding to propose their adoption by you, I am prepared to answer any questions arising thereon, and I will reserve any remarks I have to make until afterwards.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Capt. Clement seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Brockelmann, seconded by Mr. May, Messrs. Stevens, J. D. Humphreys, H. Humphreys, and J. Orange were re-elected directors.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stevens, Messrs. Henderson and Hawkins were re-elected auditors.

This concluded the business of the ordinary meeting.

An extraordinary meeting was then held to consider a resolution having for its purpose to write off half the capital of the Company.

In proposing the motion, of which notice had been given, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, in proposing the resolution referred to in the notice which has just been read, and in asking you to pass it, it is only natural that you should expect from me some explanation of the course which your directors have pursued. In the sale of the Mountain View property, the loss upon which has rendered this resolution advisable.

To make everything quite clear I will begin at the commencement, namely the promotion of the Company. We have not the slightest wish to avoid any responsibility for any act of our own, but we have no wish for you or the public to suppose that we were responsible for the initial step which has led to this great loss upon the Company. None of your present directors were promoters of the Company. The promoters were Mr. E. C. L. Reuter and Mr. Brodie, who purchased the Austin Arms hotel site and sold it to the Company at a fair price. The first Board comprised Messrs. Findlay Smith, Dorabjee Nowrojee, Reuter, myself and another; Mr. Findlay Smith being solely responsible for my joining this venture and accepting a seat on the Board.

Mr. Findlay Smith, after voting the purchase of the Mountain View property, a "white elephant," retired from the Board, but his shares on the market, and then floated another company in opposition to this. But that, this resolution would in all probability never have been necessary. But now it is rendered advisable to take this step rather than that the hotel be dragged down by the weight of the incubus it has been to us. The money which the sale of this property brought in, we have not the slightest intention of getting back, but the other hand we should have had to put our hands in our pockets, and spend thousands of dollars to make the property sufficiently attractive for people to live in. That would also have lost us the season for letting, because most people would have made their summer arrangements by the time Mountain View was finished. The directors, before deciding to sell it, had many long and anxious consultations on the subject. We had considered the advisability of raising money on mortgage, so that if things did improve later on, and house property again increased in value, you would still have had a chance in any improved value on the property but you would have had the weight of interest and you have already a very heavy charge in this respect, so that, all things considered, we have not the slightest hesitation in asking you to believe that we have done the right thing in the interests of all concerned. The resolution which I shall put to you is advisable owing to the undesirability of keeping a heavy sum like that at the debt of profit and loss account. By passing this resolution we can, after it is duly confirmed, by permission of the Court wipe this amount, which has certainly been lost, off the books altogether. So that if we do a profitable business in the hotel we shall be able to give the shareholders the benefit of it, which would otherwise not have been possible for years and years. From the steady improvement in the returns of the hotel we hope we are not over-answering in looking forward to profitable business. At all events, therein lies our only chance, and it is for us, having gone into this venture, to do our best as men of business to pull it through and not throw up on account of the enormous difficulties which we have had to struggle. Gentlemen, I will now propose the resolution, as advertised.

Mr. Machado seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Chairman informed the shareholders that if there was any information which they wanted, more than they had been already given, they could always get it by applying at the office of the Company.

The proceedings then terminated.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by correspondents in this column.]

## THE MARIONETTE SHOW.

DEAR SIR,—For a week or more I have looked in the columns of the *Telegraph* for one thing, but have not found it. Your contemporaries have devoted considerable space to the changes in official appointments, recounting all alterations and criticising them; yet none of this appears in the *Telegraph*.

If it is not too much, I would ask you to inform the public who are to fill the following posts:—Colonial Treasurer, Post Master General, Police Magistrate, and Assistant Harbour Master.

Please do not relegate this to a place among the many subjects which you will "deal with by and by."

Yours truly, BARTOR.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1892.

[Really, Mr. Bartor, you make us third. The fact is matters nothing at all. You are like the donkey between the two haystacks—you bother yourself with idle questions as to "which shall it be," when it makes not a cent's worth of difference. The best way would be to abolish the Treasury as at present constituted, and work it as it used to be worked before, economically and without any fuss; abolish the second Police Magistrate, retaining only a barrister to reserve many for the whole work of the police court has been admirably conducted for a year past by one man, who never found it even enough to keep him employed more than three hours a day; abolish the Assistant Harbour Master, or in case of need also have a reserve man, against emergencies; while the Post Office could be run much better than it has been, if it were put under an ordinary China coolie at \$5 per month. Such arrangements, however, would throw out a number of dross and parasites who could never serve an honest

living by their own exertions. These would have to be put to breaking stones, and probably they would spoil a quantity of good material. But it is more probable, in fact it is about certain, that the Treasury will be put in charge of Mr. F. H. May, who will certainly be an improvement on Mr. Don't Remember Mitchell-Jones. Comr. Hastings will be acting Police Magistrate, and though he knows nothing of the law, neither do many others who have held similar or higher posts in this Colony; and he is a man of reliable intelligence which is really astonishing in a Government official. The Post Office goes to Mr. Northcote, a better man than the one who has gone on leave, and also better than the lunatics who succeed at the appointment in the columns of our contemporaries. Possibly Mr. Hastings will continue to be Harbour-Master's under-secretary. Mr. Reuter is all right where he is, with plenty of pay and no work. He could do the Harbour business as well as many—certainly as well as the genius who conducted the *Namchow* Inquiry without inquiring; but he is staying in the P. W. D. for the present. Several other changes are being made, and his Excellency the Governor can be relied on to make a much better choice than either *Granny* or *Brownie* tried to make for him.]

## THE PARANG OUTBREAK.

## REPORTED CAPTURE OF TEMERLOH.

The Straits Government are in receipt of a telegram from Kuala Lumpur conveying intelligence of a rather startling kind respecting the most recent manoeuvres of the *Parang* Kaya. This information, the *Parang* Kaya, is supposed to come from native sources, and it is difficult to know how far credence may be placed on it, as in numerous previous cases in the last period of disturbance.

It is reported that Temerloh has been attacked by Si Rahman, the Orang Kaya, with a force large enough to capture that station. It is further stated that there has been serious loss suffered by the Sikh police guard there, the rumour putting it at some exaggerated figure, over a score or thereabouts.

On the face of it there might be a certain amount of truth in the rumour, how ever far it may be exaggerated. For it is to be remembered that Temerloh is the key to the Semantan river district, and if Si Rahman is to show himself worth anything more than a mere jungle fugitive he would take any chance that offered of surprise; any post held by Government police, and naturally by preference he would seek to have a try at the capture of Temerloh. Nothing is yet known as to who was in charge at Temerloh, but perhaps Mr. Sumner may have been there.

Mr. Rodger is probably with the Sultan. No intelligence has, however, come from any really authentic source as yet, and it will therefore be necessary to suspend opinion until direct news that can be relied on comes down from Pahang. Mr. R. W. Duff, who has been appointed Acting Superintendent of Police in Pahang, appeared to be going up the river to Kuala Pahang in the steamer *Stirlingburgh*. This vessel will therefore on her return be able to bring back direct letters from Mr. Rodger giving accurate information of what really has taken place at Temerloh. We shall have to wait till then to ascertain how much truth the native rumours contain.

## THE "COSTA RICA" PACKET.

The following is the sequel to the outrage perpetrated by the Dutch authorities at Macassar on the captain of the whaling barque *Costa Rica* Packet.

A large deputation representing the commercial and shipping interests, accompanied by Messrs. Molesworth and Inglis, M.L.A., and Mr. Manning, Mayor of Sydney, interviewed the Premier of New South Wales on the 12th, with regard to the treatment of Captain Carpenter, formerly of the whaling vessel *Costa Rica* Packet, at the instance of officers connected with the Netherlands Government.

The Mayor of Sydney said that he appeared there in his official capacity, and considered that it was his duty to do so. Captain Carpenter had been treated by the Netherlands Government in a very bad way. The community felt that it was necessary that Australian commerce should be free from any restraint, and that it should be allowed to develop. The deputation asked that the facts should be inquired into, that the Imperial Government should be communicated with, and that an inquiry should be demanded into this particular offence. It was also determined to demand that Captain Carpenter, the crew of the ship, and those interested in her should be indemnified for their loss in the matter.

Captain Carpenter, who was present, gave, at the request of the Premier, a brief outline of the occurrence and the indignities to which he had been subjected. He stated that he was captain of the whaling barque *Costa Rica* Packet. Some thirty-two miles from land on the 28th January, 1888, they found a derelict prow off the island of Boeroe. She had in her a few cases of arrack. The prow drifted away, but the arrack was put on board his vessel. As some of the sailors got hold of it and created a disturbance, he ordered the whole of it overboard. The crew, however, stowed some of it away, and on the arrival of the barque at Batavia it was exchanged for 75 lb. of sugar. The whole of the arrack was then put up on board of the derelict upon the high seas.

They were entered in the log-book, which was included among the ship's papers and lodged at Batavia about six weeks from the finding of the prow, but no comment was then made, nor any question raised by the Dutch officials. Captain Carpenter was at Macassar in the following April, and was at Ternate in 1889, and again in 1890, but not one word was said about the matter, and the order of arrack was not made until April, 1891. The alleged offence was then four years old. He was arrested and sent to Macassar on board a Dutch mail steamer, in the custody of the sheriff of Ternate. He made a protest, and claimed the protection of the British Government, but they would not let him send away a telegram or appeal to the British Consul. Through his brother-in-law he forwarded to the Governor of the Straits Settlements a statement of the case. He was lodged in prison at Macassar, and as the result of his appeal to the British authorities, was on the twelfth day conducted to the front door of the prison and told to "pig," which was the Dutch word for "go."

Mr. Inglis said a good deal about the honour of Australia and the British flag. Mr. Dibbs, the Premier, said that sufficient had been said to justify him in taking prompt action. He had the shadow of a doubt that it would turn out that some subordinate official in one of these islands had exceeded his duty, as he knew how lax they were in the administration of justice. All that the Government could do here would be to ask the Imperial Government that a strict inquiry should be made. He thought that the deputation was justified in seeking the assistance of their Government, and in asking for the protection of the English Government. He had no doubt the Imperial Government would take action.

## FOOCHOW NOTES.

March 26th, 1892.

There has been a fresh prevalence of influenza amongst natives during the past fortnight. Eight Ningpo junks laden with rice arrived during the week, but it has not resulted in a reduction in the price of the grain, for such consignments are like a mere drop in the ocean while such great scarcity prevails.

A proclamation, cut in a large slab of stone, has just been erected at the South gate of the city, prohibiting, now and for ever, the use of spurious cash. It is pointed out that this is not likely to be more effective than the paper edicts have been, unless the government, through their officers, exercise a little more vigilance in seeing that the law is attended to.

According to arrangement, as announced by last week, the Viceroy left on Tuesday last for Peking. The route from his Yamen to the long bridge was lined with troops, and volleys were fired from point to point as his Excellency and the lengthy cortège passed along the streets. On his arrival at the river side and during the embarkation on the steam-launch, there was an incessant cannonade going on from the river war-junks; and after the launch had weighed anchor a salute of heavy guns was fired. This was repeated on the launch reaching the Pagoda Anchorage. The gun-boat left almost immediately after H. E. stepped on board.

His Excellency Pien was anything but popular amongst the people on his first taking up the reins of government. As a negotiator, he was regarded according to their ideas, upsetting their old established customs far too quickly, and introducing reforms in a hurried manner, which was altogether distasteful to them. More than one of his measures of reform had to be abandoned on account of the strong opposition against them. And, although we have not heard of any great causes of discontent during the last year or two, there were clear evidences of his unpopularity on the day of his departure. As a negotiator, he was regarded according to their ideas, upsetting their old established customs far too quickly, and introducing reforms in a hurried manner, which was altogether distasteful to them. More than one of his measures of reform had to be abandoned on account of the strong opposition against them. 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**LATEST QUOTATIONS.**  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, 125 per cent. premium.  
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £5.00, paid up—25 1/2 per cent. dis. sellers.  
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, buyers.  
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$61 per share, sales and buyers.  
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 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, 100 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884, C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886, E—14 per cent. premium.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$89 per share, sellers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$61 per share, buyers.  
 North China Insurance—Tis. 255 per share, sellers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$102 per share, sellers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$108, nominal.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150 per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$282 per share, sellers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$33 per share, sellers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—30 per share, sellers.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—27 1/2 per cent. discount, sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$35 per share, sellers.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$77 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$16 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$50 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$100.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.  
 The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—nominal.  
 The "Hameen" Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.  
 Punjion and Sarghul Dama Samant Mining Co.—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Kauls Gold Mining Co., Limited—55 cents per share, sales and buyers.  
 Imvutis Mining Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.  
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.  
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$275 per share, sellers.  
 The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$6 per share, buyers.  
 The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—20 cents per share, buyers.  
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$8, sellers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$120 per share, sellers.  
 Luon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$40 per share, nominal.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$34 per share, buyers.  
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$64 per share, sellers.  
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.  
 The Labuk Planting Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sales.  
 The China-Horneo Co., Limited—nominal.  
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$33 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$47 per share, buyers.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$105 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$71 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.  
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$9 per share, sales and sellers.  
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$44 per share, buyers.  
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.

**EXCHANGE.**  
 On London—Bank, T. T. 2/10 1/2  
 Bank Bills, on demand 2/10 1/2  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/10 1/2  
 Credits at 4 months' sight 2/10 1/2  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/10 1/2  
 On Paris—  
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/35  
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/36  
 On India, T. T. 220  
 On Demand 220 1/2  
 On Shanghai—  
 Bank, T. T. 72  
 Private, 30 days' sight 72 1/2

## VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

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## MAILS EXPECTED.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
 The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Madagascar*, with the French mail of the 14th ultimo, left Singapore on the 30th, and may be expected here on the 6th instant.

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The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Blagnese*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 27th ultimo, and is due here on the 3rd instant.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Malacca* left London on the 2nd ultimo.  
 The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Natal* left Shanghai on the 2nd instant, and is due here on the 4th.  
 The "D. D. R." steamer *Polythymia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on the 7th.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy* left Bombay on the 30th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 17th instant.

## Shipping.

## ARRIVALS.

**FRYR**, Danish steamer, 307, C. L. Strand, 1st April—Pakhoi 29th March, and Heligoland 31st, General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
**CHINA**, German steamer, 1,181, P. Voss, 1st April—Penang, and Singapore 26th March, General—Ban Mob.  
**AVOCHIE**, British steamer, 1,056, T. Rowlin, 1st April—Hongay 20th March, Coals—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**HATTAN**, British steamer, 1,183, H. Bathurst, 2nd April—Fochow 29th March, Amoy 30th, and Swatow 1st April, General—D. Laprak & Co.  
**MYRMIDON**, British steamer, 1,815, R. Nelson, 2nd April—Liverpool 18th Feb., and Singapore 27th, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
**SUSSEX**, British steamer, 1,619, H. F. Holt, 2nd April—Saloon 28th March, Rice—Woh Kee & Co.  
**ADEN**, British steamer, 2,517, W. L. Brown, 2nd April—London 11th Feb., and Singapore 27th March, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
**CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**  
*Papa*, German barque, for Havre.  
*Freja*, Danish steamer, for Holbow, &c.  
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*Vietna*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

## DEPARTURES.

April 2, *Yung-ping*, Chinese str., for Canton.  
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 April 2, *Deutera*, German steamer, for Saigon.  
**PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.**  
 Per *China*, str., from Penang, &c.—365 Chinese.  
 Per *Freja*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—47 Chinese.  
 Per *Hattana*, str., from Fochow, &c.—Messrs. Kretschmer, Murray, Gunaur, Seiberg, Von Pune, Cruickshank, and 170 Chinese.  
 Per *Myrmidon*, str., from Liverpool, &c.—Miss Danby, Miss L. Danby, Messrs. Laford, Rochester, and 143 Chinese.  
 Per *Sussex*, str., from Saigon.—10 Chinese.  
 Per *Aden*, str., from London, &c.—Mrs. Stockham, Mr. Stanbury, and 18 Chinese.  
**DEPARTED.**  
 Per *Hailong*, str., for Swatow.—Mr. R. Jackson.  
 Per *Vietna*, str., for Nagasaki.—Mr. Cronin, and Major Cronin.  
 Per *Kobe*—Messrs. Leach and child, Messrs. A. J. Leach, Farrell, and Austin.  
 Per *Yokohama*—Sir J. and Lady Lyall, Lord Grey de Wilton, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Major and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham, Mr. Wyndham, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ward, Mrs. Hewitt, Misses Bostock, Routledge, Colonel Lawrence, Coultry, Messrs. Ehrhardt, Y. Todoroki, F. Rinecker, Bicknell, Harrison, J. Stewart, Stewart, Boyle, Morgan, Brown, Stokes, Spoor, Richardson, Dunlop, Myers, Balfour, W. Jones, and G. M. Lauriston.  
 To DEPART.  
 Per *Sachin*, str., from Hongkong for Genoa.  
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**DONAR**, German steamer, 1,015, B. Grundmann, 31st March—Bangkok 23rd March, Rice—Wieler & Co.  
**DIOT**, Norwegian steamer, 2,189, H. Hansen, 31st March—Saloon 26th March, Rice—Chinese.  
**EMPEROR OF CHINA**, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald—Vancouver 11th March, Yokohama 25th, and Shanghai 30th, Mails and General—Doddell, Canill & Co.  
**FAKE**, British steamer, 1,177, Captain McIsaac—Hongkong Government tender.  
**HAI PHONG**, British steamer, 1,124, W. Y. Hunter, 31st March—Fochow 25th March, Amoy 26th, and Swatow 30th, General—D. Laprak & Co.  
**JAPAN**, British steamer, 1,865, J. G. Olliff, 30th March—Calcutta 13th March, and Singapore 29th, Opium and General—D. Laprak & Co.  
**LOO SOX**, British steamer, 1,020, Benson, 29th March—Bangkok 22nd March, General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
**MONTANA**, Spanish steamer, 232, Valentin Viven, 16th March—Manila 11th March, Ballast—Order.  
**NANNHAN**, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, 31st March—Saloon 26th March, General—Sheehan & Co.  
**PILOT FIVE**, British steamer, 161, A. Stopan—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
**SACHSEN**, German steamer, 2,575, H. Sponer, 1st April—Shanghai 20th March, Mails and General—Melchers & Co.  
**TORINOTTO**, British steamer, 1,663, Geo. R. Bewick, 2nd Feb.—Hamburg 2nd Touron 31st January, Coal and General—Doddell, Canill & Co.  
**WINGANG**, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Clair, Feb.—Calcutta 31st Jan., Penang 8th Feb., and Singapore 15th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
**ZATRO**, British steamer, 674, A. W. R. Cobban, 1st April—Manila 29th March, General—Sheehan & Co.

## SAILING VESSELS.

**ALTAR**, British barque, 399, T. Manro, 24th March—Singapore 22nd January, Timber—Wieler & Co.  
**ERLEKONTO**, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.  
**JENNIE HARKNESS**, American bark, 1,105, F. W. Ambury, 17th March—New York 11th Sept., Kerosene Oil—Gillman & Co.  
**J. WILSON**, German bark, 240, G. Schieders, 17th March—Saloon 1st March, Mails and General—Sheehan & Co.  
**JOSEPHUS**, American ship, 1,490, Smithwick, 25th Jan.—New York 14th August, Kerosene Oil—Order.  
**NICOYA**, British bark, 594, T. Neale, 25th March—Bangkok 15th Feb., General—Wieler & Co.  
**PAPA**, German barque, 748, F. W. Thöni, 19th Feb.—Hamburg 19th Sept., General—Stemmer & Co.  
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